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AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

PONTERION Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "A" in response to the final Office Action mailed June 25, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response of August 25, 2004.

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